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In re application of:

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Application No.: 09/802,693

Filed: March 8, 2001

For: A CIRCUIT PATTERN
INSPECTION METHOD AND
APPARATUS

Customer No.: 20350

Confirmation No. 8024

Examiner: Brian P. Werner

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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed June 25, 2003, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.